

Introduced by Senator Migden

February 21, 2007

An act to amend Section 1644.5 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 443, as introduced, Migden. Tissue donors: sperm donors.

Existing law prohibits the transfer of any tissues, as defined, into the body of another person by means of transplantation, unless the donor of the tissues has been screened and found nonreactive for evidence of infection with HIV, agents of viral hepatitis (HBV and HCV), human T lymphotropic virus-1 (HTLV-1), and syphilis.

Existing law provides an exception to this prohibition for therapeutic insemination of sperm or use of sperm in other advanced reproductive technologies if the sperm donor is found reactive for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or syphilis if the sperm donor is the spouse of, partner of, or designated donor for that recipient.

This bill would expand the exception to that prohibition for therapeutic insemination of sperm or use of sperm in other advanced reproductive technologies if the sperm donor is found reactive for HIV or HTLV-1.

The bill would authorize the use of sperm whose donor has tested reactive for HIV or HTLV-1 for the purposes of insemination or advanced reproductive technology only after the donor's sperm has been effectively processed to minimize the infectiousness of the sperm for that specific donation, where informed and mutual consent has occurred, and where the sperm processing has been performed by a facility recognized by the American Society of Reproductive Medicine.

The bill would also require a physician, prior to insemination or other advanced reproductive technology services, to perform appropriate

testing and only utilize sperm that has been found to be free of HIV or HTLV-1. The bill would require such a physician providing insemination or advanced reproductive technologies to provide, as appropriate, prophylactic treatments available to the recipient to reduce the risk of acquiring infection during and subsequent to, insemination, and to perform appropriate followup testing of the recipient for HIV or HTLV-1 following the insemination or other advanced reproductive technology.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1644.5 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 1644.5. (a) No tissues shall be transferred into the body of
4 another person by means of transplantation, unless the donor of
5 the tissues has been screened and found nonreactive by laboratory
6 tests for evidence of infection with HIV, agents of viral hepatitis
7 (HBV and HCV), human T lymphotropic virus-1 (HTLV-1), and
8 syphilis, *except as provided in subdivision (c)*. The state department
9 may adopt regulations requiring additional screening tests of donors
10 or tissues when, in the opinion of the state department, the action
11 is necessary for the protection of the public, donors, or recipients.
12 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), infectious disease screening
13 of blood and blood products shall be carried out solely in
14 accordance with Article 2 (commencing with Section 1601) of
15 Chapter 4.
16 (c) All donors of sperm shall be screened and found nonreactive
17 as required under subdivision (a), except in the following instances:
18 (1) A recipient of sperm, from a sperm donor known to the
19 recipient, may waive a second or other repeat testing of that donor
20 if the recipient is informed of the requirements for testing donors
21 under this section and signs a written waiver.
22 (2) A recipient of sperm may consent to therapeutic insemination
23 of sperm or use of sperm in other advanced reproductive
24 technologies even if the sperm donor is found reactive for hepatitis
25 B, hepatitis C, ~~or~~ syphilis, *HIV or HTLV-1* if the sperm donor is
26 the spouse of, partner of, or designated donor for that recipient.
27 The physician providing insemination or advanced reproductive
28 technology services shall advise the donor and recipient of the

potential medical risks associated with receiving sperm from a reactive donor. The donor and the recipient shall sign a document affirming that each comprehends the medical repercussions of using sperm from a reactive donor for the proposed procedure and that each consents to it. Copies of the document shall be placed in the medical records of the donor and the recipient.

(3) (A) Sperm whose donor has tested reactive for syphilis may be used for the purposes of insemination or advanced reproductive technology only after the donor has been treated for syphilis. Sperm whose donor has tested reactive for hepatitis B may be used for the purposes of insemination or advanced reproductive technology only after the recipient has been vaccinated against hepatitis B.

(B) *Sperm whose donor has tested reactive for HIV or HTLV-1 may be used for the purposes of insemination or advanced reproductive technology for a recipient testing negative for HIV or HTLV-1 only after the donor's sperm has been effectively processed to minimize the infectiousness of the sperm for that specific donation, where informed and mutual consent has occurred, and where the sperm processing has been performed by a facility recognized by the American Society of Reproductive Medicine. Prior to insemination or other advanced reproductive technology services, the physician shall perform appropriate testing and only utilize sperm that has been found to be free of HIV or HTLV-1. Additionally, the physician providing insemination or advanced reproductive technology services shall provide, as appropriate, prophylactic treatments available to the recipient to reduce the risk of acquiring infection during, and subsequent to, insemination. The physician shall also perform appropriate followup testing of the recipient for HIV or HTLV-1 following the insemination or other advanced reproductive technology. Sperm whose donor has tested reactive for HIV or HTLV-1 may be used for the purposes of insemination or advanced reproductive technology if the recipient already has been previously documented with HIV or HTLV-1 infection, and where informed and mutual consent has occurred.*

(d) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to the transplantation of tissue from a donor who has not been tested or, with the exception of HIV and HTLV-1, has been found reactive for the infectious diseases listed in subdivision (a) or for which the state department

1 has, by regulation, required additional screening tests, if both of
2 the following conditions are satisfied:

3 (1) The physician and surgeon performing the transplantation
4 has determined any one or more of the following:

5 (A) Without the transplantation the intended recipient will most
6 likely die during the period of time necessary to obtain other tissue
7 or to conduct the required tests.

8 (B) The intended recipient already is diagnosed with the
9 infectious disease for which the donor has tested positive.

10 (C) The symptoms from the infectious disease for which the
11 donor has tested positive will most likely not appear during the
12 intended recipient's likely lifespan after transplantation with the
13 tissue or may be treated prophylactically if they do appear.

14 (D) *Where there is informed and mutual consent between the*
15 *donor and the recipient of donated sperm in cases of positive*
16 *reactivity for HIV or HTLV-1 in the donor.*

17 (2) Consent for the use of the tissue has been obtained from the
18 recipient, if possible, or if not possible, from a member of the
19 recipient's family, or the recipient's legal guardian. For purposes
20 of this section, "family" shall mean spouse, adult son or daughter,
21 either parent, adult brother or sister, or grandparent.

22 (e) Human breast milk from donors who test reactive for agents
23 of viral hepatitis (HBV and HCV), human T lymphotropic virus-1
24 (HTLV-1), HIV, or syphilis shall not be used for deposit into a
25 milk bank for human ingestion in California.